More Active Trading on Smaller Primary Receipts---Corn Higher on Light Supplies and Poor Grading.

next york, December 19.—During the carly part of the week domestic wheat markets exhibited a strong tone. The Chicago market was the leader in this respect, and, as noted for several weeks past, the nearby deliveries were especially buoyant. Owing chiefly to the continued meagre movement of wheat toward Western primary markets, those traders who were short of December became extremely uneasy, and when a number of them made a simultaneous effort to cover they found the efferings alsemingly inadequate; hence the price of the nearby delivery was bid up so rapidly that it soon showed a premium of 21-2 cents over May, as compared with 3-5 cents on Saturday. The alarm of the shorts was intensified by the various claims that the strike among switchmen in the Northwest was settled were clearly without foundation. Naturally, such a tatale of artairs was not calculated to allay their fears as to the deficiency in the receipts.

Other Factors in the Market.

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Toward the middle of the week an increase occurred in the selling pressure, and as the demand seemed to be satisfied for the time being mar be satisfied for the time being mar kats relinquished a good part of carlier gains. The increase in selling orders was attributed by some to a more hopeful feeling as to a speedy termination of the railroad strike. Reliable authorities reported that an agreement would soon be reached, and such a belief seemed to be general in the affected territory, as the Minneapolis market became especially weak, December leading with as the Minneapolis market became especially weak, December leading with a rapid drop of over 1 cent per bushel in the expectation of a marked enlargement in the receipts before very long. This expectation was based on reports that cars loaded with wheat had been accumulating on sidetracks. Another bearish feature was the favorable government report which gave a larger winter wheat yield than generally expected, 446,36,000 bushels, compared with 437,908,000 last year. This statement, showing as it did, a winter crop fully 10,000,000 bushels in excess of the guesses of even the most optimistic bears, naturally created a great deal of skepticism among shrewd traders who have long been convinced that our last crop of winter wheat was a small one.

They argue that if we had raised anything like 446,000,000 bushels of winter wheat we would not now find supplies so extremely deficient in all markets, and would not be paying as much as \$1.27 in such centres as St. cially weak, December leading with

other Factors in the Market.

Another disturbing factor of a similar nature was the surprising heavy geduction in the visible supply. Moreover, the builk of the foreign news also furnished an incentive for buying. The world's weekly clearances, for one thing, were far below estimated weekly requirements, and led to a large reduction in the floating supply.

Another strengthening feature from the other side was a report that less wheat was offered for future shipment from Manitoba. Australia and Argentina. The latter country suppued additional buying stimulus in the form of more emphatic climatic conditions and the injurious effect upon the crop.

In consequence, successive estimates from divers sources have all tended to gradually cut down the quantity will be in the neighborhood of 90,00,000 or 95,000,000 bushels, which is practically the same as exported in the year now drawing to gloss.

When the Market Turned.

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ISpecial to The Times-Dispatch. NEWBERN, N. C., December 19.—R. Foster, superintendent of the Norfolk and Southern got possession of the lease Mr. Foster retained his position with the new company. Newbern, has tendered his resignation to General Manager E. T. Lamb, etair tective on December 29, and will return to his old home in Asheville. Mr. Foster came here in 1994 when the Raitmord Box Factory, and will Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad was leased to the Howland Improve-

UNCERTAIN ACTIONS

Throughout the Week It Backs and Fills in Most Erratic Fashion---Question of Supply and Demand.

OF COTTON MARKET

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They argue that if we had raised anything like 446,000,000 bushels of winter wheat we would not now find supplies so extremely deficient in all markets, and would not now find supplies so extremely deficient in all markets, and would not be paying as much as \$1.27 in such centres as St. Louis and Toledo.

The Late News.

In the last half of the week wheat markets were decidedly feverish, prices fluctuating with striking frequency and in an erratic way, but in the main the general tendency was to still higher levels. As a rule offerings were small and demand more animated for both accounts. It appears on further and more careful inspection that all the option markets on the overments of the governments sensationally low week in an erratic and uncertain manner covering a range of 20 to 35 points in the extreme fluctuations. This was chiefly the result of the in-and-out operations of the speculative element of the speculative element of the speculative buying of further spinners and the much-reduced volume of speculative buying of further spinners and the much-reduced with considerable manipulation, however, carried prices up by Thursday decline on Monday to the basts of 15.46 for May and July options on scattered for both accounts. It appears on further and more careful inspection that all the option markets on the over-the prices were within \$1.00 to 15.00 to 15.0

December Xmas

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large scale in spots, in accumulating is supplies necessary for the season at such high prices, or in loading up with further speculative holdings of futures.

The belief prevails that these coming ginning reports may yet show the crop nearer 10,400,000 bales on the actual growth than the government's estimate of 10,088,000 bales, and that the commercial movement for the season will yet turn out near 11,000,000 bales. The Census Bureau's ginning report to be announced early Monday morning is expected to show 9,400,000 bales of the crop ginned to December 13. Another ginning report is due on January 9, and still another about January 23, before the final report of the Census Bureau for the season is an Census Bureau for the season is an nounced on March 11, giving the tota ginning for the whole crop and the net and gross weight of the bales.

PREPARING TO MAKNESS

THE STAUNTON RIVER

Ispecial to The Times-Dispatch.

LYNCHBURG, VA. December 19.—

Speculation is rife as to the intention of the market and closed prices last night on the basis of 15.50 for May and July and 15.30 for March.

Awaiting Confirmation.

The action of the markets since the government's crop estimate was published has shown the trade's refusal to accept its figures on the crop as conclusive evidence of the yield being so short as represented. Spinners have failed to buy as freely as expected, and in place of the heavy general demand which it was thought would develop for futures in the option markets there has been a continuance of liquidation.

Moreover, the Southern spot markets have ruled dull, and the demand at Liverpool from English and Continental dealers has been fish, with the smallest sales reported to spinners there this week for the year. There has been a marked inclination to await the future ginning reports of

MARKET ACTIVITY UNDER RESTRAINT

NEW YORK, December 19.—The stock market last week reflected the shifting influences of conflicting factors in the speculation by the irregular and rather narrow fluctuations in the price movement. The time of year and its requirements on the money market exercised some restraint on the activity. Sentiment was responsive still to favorable prospects by actual benefits accrued, brought a reactionary tendency, due to profit-taking sales; and revealed the extent to which the speculation has already progressed in the discounting of events calculated to increase values.

The effect of the increase in dividend rate on Residing was a case in point on the other hand, the assertion of support against the effect of any unfavorable influence was taken to prove that the condition of the market was still strongly interented in the hands of the coterie of powerful capitalists who have been credited with the direction of the speculation for many months past.

There is much discussion of the pending Supreme Court decisions in the American Tobacco Company and the Standard OI esses, and it is feared that the uncertainty surrounding the expending Supreme Court decisions in the American Tobacco Company and the Standard OI esses, and it is feared that the uncertainty surrounding the expending Supreme Court decisions in the Standard OI esses, and it is feared that the uncertainty surrounding the expensive that the uncertainty surrounding the expensive business activities.

The strength of the foreign exchange market pointed to an outgo of gold

he State to push such a project to a

Successful Issue,

The site of the proposed dam is a mile above Brookness, on the Staunton River. It is twenty-six miles from Lynchburg, eighty from Roanoke and

Lynchburg, eighty from Roaneke and fifty from Danville, while Altavista, the new town at the junction of the Virginian and Southern Railways, is twenty-eight miles away.

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RAILWAY CLERKS DEMAND INCREASE

ISpecial to The Times-Dispatch. I BRISTOL. VA., December 19.—The Brotherhood of Railway Clerks of the Norfolk and Western Railway system held a meeting here to-day with the chairmen of several divisions, and many of the members of the brotherhood were in attendance. The meeting was presided over by M. G. Harper, general chairman of the brotherhood. In the working agreement drafted at this meeting, which will be submitted to the management of the Norfolk and Western, the clerks demand an advance in wages of an average of about 10 per cent, setting forth that this is demanded on account of an increase in the cost of living.

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